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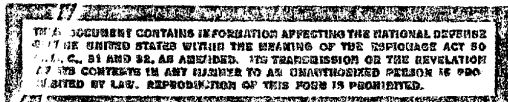
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1. [Redacted] three ocean-going vessels, Polish, Soviet and Bulgarian, were observed unloading cargo and loading Albanian raw materials in Durres. The Polish vessel, of approximately 3,000 tons, was engaged in discharging crated machinery. The Soviet vessel, white-painted, about 2,000 tons, of the cargo and passenger type used on the Black Sea-Durres run, unloaded machinery and large heavy boxes. The third, a Bulgarian vessel of 3,000 tons, painted a light grey, also of the cargo and passenger type, was observed unloading a mixed general cargo.
2. In addition to the above, various Albanian ships and schooners were seen loading chrome, bitumen tar and other Albanian raw materials. On several occasions, two armed motor launches, manned by Albanian Navy personnel, moved about in the harbor.
3. In the vicinity of the harbormaster's office there is a small building used as a barracks which [Redacted] may be part of the Albanian Naval School or part of the Durres Naval detachment. An Albanian naval non-commissioned officer led a group of sailors from this building to the waterfront, where they embarked in three small craft to conduct rowing exercises and other small-scale maneuvers.
4. On one occasion an Albanian soldier, on duty on the wharf, was observed perusing an Albanian illustrated magazine which bore on its first page a drawing of the map of Korea dominated by an aggressive soldier depicted in red, with the caption: "The North Koreans advance and soon the Americans will be thrown into the sea" and "The Russians are very strong and are in possession of weapons more powerful than those of the Americans."
5. Construction work on the enlargement of the port of Durres is being pushed with increased efforts. Among the innovations introduced to increase the efficiency of the port are several new dock cranes, which, although stamped of Soviet origin, appear to be of the American type, with some modifications.
6. Stevedores employed in the loading and unloading of vessels in the port claim that the morale of the people is low because of widespread dissatisfaction with their standard of living and current living conditions. The

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people expressed their opinions with much circumspection and in great fear of being detected by political informants in their midst. They hesitated to accept and finally refused the food offered by merchant marine personnel aboard occidental vessels in port.

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